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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 24 May 1954:

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: On 2 and 3 May, elements of the 64th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment and the 358th Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, both subordinate to the 8th Guards Mechanized Division, prepared for shipment toward Koenigsbrueck. Only rear details were observed in Borna on 10 May. Elements of the division stationed in Grimma and Leipzig were found at their barracks on 4 and 15 May. Between 5 and 12 May, a tank regiment of the 11th Guards Tank Division was transferred from Neues Lager at Koenigsbrueck to a summer camp west of Schmorkau.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: On 3 May, tank details of the 9th Guards Tank Division were shipped from Neustrelitz to Letzling Heath, where they were to practice firing with live ammunition. In mid-May, most units of the other three divisions were seen at their posts, with small combat elements training nearby.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: Between 24 April and 7 May, 32 shipments took units of the 7th Guards Tank Division from Meinsdorf, Rossau and Zerbst to Letzling Heath. On 8 May, the 91st Guards Rocket Launcher Regiment and the 35th Engineer Regiment were still stationed at their winter quarters at Luckenwalde and Sperenberg.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: In late April, the 468th Guards Mortar Regiment of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division was transferred from Beeskow to the Lieberose training grounds where it was identified early in May. At least up to 15 May, the 25th Tank Division was stationed at

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Templin. The 6th Guards Mechanized Division and the 10th Guards Tank Division were still at their posts on that date. After 3 May, tank details of the 25th Tank Division and the 6th Guards Mechanized Division practiced firing with live ammunition in Letzling Heath where they had arrived in two shipments.¹

5. Third Shock Army: No further movements have been reported.
6. Eighth Guards Army: On 5 May, the 932 nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion of the 57th Guards Rifle Division left the Weissenfels Pioneer Kaserne by train for an unknown destination. On 16 May, elements of the 316th Guards Rocket Launcher Regiment of the 28th Guards Rifle Corps and the 45th Guards Engineer Battalion of the 39th Guards Rifle Division were still stationed in Saalfeld.
7. GOFG Units: On 4 May, engineer units left the Hegessee (lake) area near Sperenberg where they had held exercises since 20 April. On 6 May, one shipment went from Zossen to Aken. Between 6 and 9 May, four shipments were detrained at Aken. About 1,200 men, ten T-34 tanks, heavy bridge building equipment and disassembled barracks sections were observed there.¹

B. KVP Developments:

1. Up to 10 May, spring inspections continued, especially in the Northern Army Group. Up to 17 May, units were trained at their posts.
2. On 14 May, the new buildings for the KVP installation at Strausberg had been completed, and billeting equipment had started to arrive.

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